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Status of smallpox in Italy.—Week ended February 21. Provinces: Rescaldina (Milan), 1 case; Alfianello (Brescia), 2 cases; Verona, 1 case; Parma, 4 cases; Messina, 2 cases.

Week ended February 28. Procida (Naples), 1 case; Palermo, 4 cases.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Plague rat.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, February 17:

During the week ended February 13 bills of health were issued to 2 steamships, having an aggregate personnel of 55 saloon and 130 steerage passengers and 354 members of crews, both vessels being bound for San Francisco, one via Moji and one via Honolulu.

After a long interval of freedom from quarantinable diseases a plague-infected rat was to-day caught in a drain on Sumiyoshi dori, near the athletic grounds in the center of this city.

A strict watch will be kept by this office upon the freight and vessels from this port.

No other quarantinable disease has been reported.

Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Knight reports, February 9:

During the week ended February 6 supplemental bills of health were granted to 2 steamships. There were inspected 122 members of crews and 11 steerage passengers. Manifests were viséed for 11,419 pieces of freight, amounting to 1,070 tons.

MEXICO.

Report from Coatzacoalcas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, March 4:

Week ended March 3. Four steamships were inspected and granted bills of health. No illness occurred on board the vessels while in port.

Report from Mexico City—Yellow fever in Merida and vicinity.

The following is received from Dr. Eduardo Liceaga, president of the superior board of health, under date of March 9:

During the week ended March 6, 2 cases of yellow fever, with 1 death, occurred in the city of Merida, and 1 case at Ticul, 75 kilometers distant from Merida.

Report from Salina Cruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McPherson reports, March 1:

During the period February 16 to 28, inclusive, 3 steamships were inspected and fumigated on clearing from this port for the United States.